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In response to applicant's request, the issues A and C presented in Appeal Brief on January 22, 2002 will be canceled and issues B and D will be addressed in Examiner's Answer.

The applicant is respectfully reminded that the pending issue concerning double patenting raised in previous Office Action dated June 18, 2001 has not been addressed in the Appeal Brief and has not been resolved. The terminal disclaimer filed by the applicant on December 18, 2001 was not proper since the attorney Robert Pechman is not of record therefore is not authorized to sign a terminal disclaimer and not authorized to represent the applicant in front of the Office. (37 CFR 1.34(a), 37 CFR 1.321(b)).

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